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ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on October 14, 2004, (Paper No. 20041007), which set a period for response to expire on November 14, 2004, the applicants elect the claims drawn to the species corresponding to a first embodiment of the present invention which concerns enabling high-speed photography by optimally combining an auto-focus system with a compression system in accordance with the photographer's intention. Claims 1-12 are readable on this embodiment. Thus, claims 1-12 are elected.

The applicants reserve the right to rewrite non-elected species claims to depend from a generic base claim, should such a generic base claim be allowed.

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